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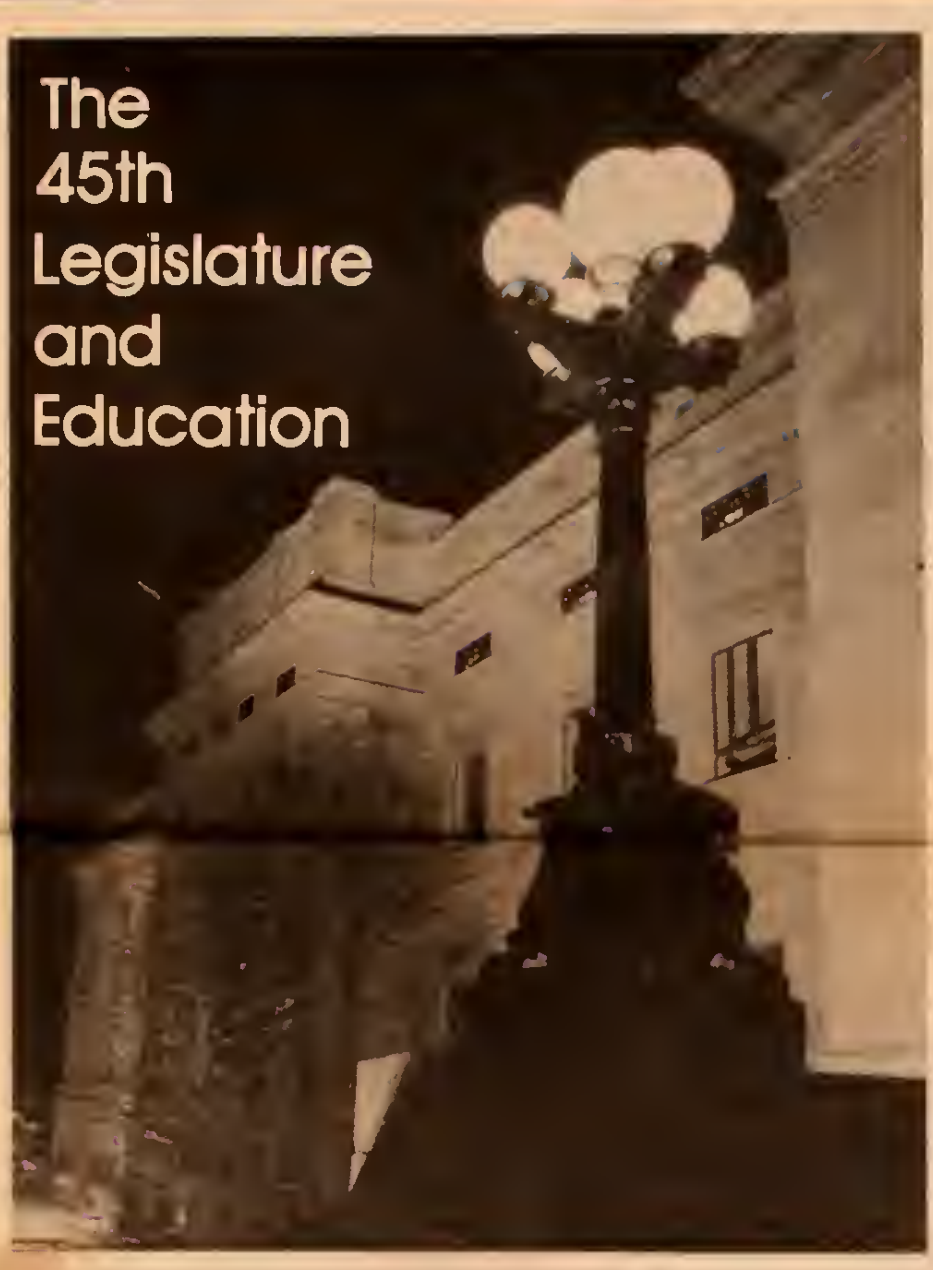
The 45th Legislature and Education



The 45th legislature, which convened Jan. 3, already has the prospect of considering more than 800 bills and likely will hear more than 1,200 pieces of legislation before it recesses March 31. The following summaries of bills are intended to provide an overview of legislative activity in education. Only those introduced by Jan. 24 are shown and their status is cited as of Jan. 31 according to the following code: K - killed, PH - passed in the House of Representatives, PS - passed in the Senate, S - signed into law, A - action pending in committee, scheduled for reading or other action.

Copies of bills can be obtained most quickly and economically from county clerks and recorders or from the Legislative Mail Room, State Capitol, Helena 59601.

HB 24 - PH - Kvaalen

To revise and clarify the laws relating to public contracts.

HB 26 - PH - Marks

To correct grammar and internal references in the coal severance tax, oil and gas severance tax, metal mines license tax.

HB 33 - PH - Bardanouve

To revise and clarify the laws relating to the public employees.

HB 34 - PH - Bardanouve

To revise and clarify the laws relating to teachers' retirement and death and disability benefits.

HB 35 - PH - Bardanouve

To revise and clarify the laws relating to coverage for Montana public employees.

HB 39 - PH - Kvaalen

To revise and clarify the law relating to minors.

Questions about education legislation have up-to-the-minute answers over the Office of Public Instruction's education legislation hotline, 1-800-332-6100. In Helena, the number is 449-3654. In addition, you may leave messages for legislators and ask them to call you toll free by using the legislature's hotline, 1-800-332-3408. In Helena, the number is 449-5553.

The following legislators comprise the vital education committees which can kill or expedite education legislation. The House Education Committee meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3:30 p.m. in room 431 of the Capitol. The Senate Education Committee meets at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week, in room 402.

SENATORS	COUNTY	PARTY
Blaylock, Chet (Chmn.)	Yellowstone	Democrat
Boylan, Paul F.	Gallatin	Democrat
Dunkle, Frank	Lewis & Clark	Republican
Fasbender, Larry	Cascade	Democrat
McCallum, George	Sanders	Republican
Mathers, William L.	Custer	Republican
Murray, William E.	Missoula	Republican
Smith, E. B. (Vice-Chmn.)	Sheridan	Republican
Thomas, Bill	Cascade	Democrat
Warden, Margaret S.	Cascade	Democrat
REPRESENTATIVES		
Barrett, Fred O.	Fergus	Republican
Courtney, Jim	Silver Bow	Democrat
Dussault, Ann Mary (Chairwoman)	Missoula	Democrat
Estenson, JoEllen	Lewis & Clark	Democrat
Eudaily, Ralph S.	Missoula	Republican
Gilligan, Peter J., Jr. (Vice-Chmn.)	Cascade	Democrat
Gunderson, Jack	Cascade	Democrat
Hand, William M.	Beaverhead	Democrat
Kennerly, Leo M., Jr.	Glacier	Democrat
Kessler, Gerald R.	Yellowstone	Democrat
Kvaalen, Oscar S.	Richland	Republican
Lory, Earl C.	Missoula	Republican
Lund, Art	Daniels	Republican
Meyer, Darryl	Cascade	Republican
Uhde, Jack Brian	Flathead	Democrat

HB 66 - A - Robbins, Bertelsen, et al

To create a fire services training school.

HB 69 - A - Gunderson, South, et al

To authorize the Board of Public Education to employ an executive officer to administer the vocational education program.

HB 101 - PH - Harrington, Lien, et al

To repeal conflicting statutes pertaining to income tax deductions for political contributions.

HB 112 - K - Gould, Porter, et al

To require loss of compensation for each week that recommended vocational rehabilitation is refused.

HB 119 - A - Bradley, Dussault, et al

To provide for community education programs within the existing adult education scheme.

HB 125 - A - Waldron, Uhde, et al

To change the grace period for the registration of motor vehicles.

HB 147 - PH - Scully, Bradley, et al

To extend to 99 years the term for which school district trustees may lease buildings from the county, another district, or any person.

HB 154 - K - Keyser, Sivertsen, et al

To provide that minutes of school board meetings be approved at the next regular meeting.

HB 169 - PH - Harrington, Lynch, et al

To include motor vehicles used in state-approved traffic education programs by school districts under the definition of new motor vehicles.

HB 170 - A - Menahan, Brand, et al

To revise the law relating to the employer's contribution to group insurance premiums.

the Reel News

by Bruce MacIntyre

A growing problem in the audio/visual library for the past year has been the late return of films. Other film libraries of comparable size regard a two per cent late return rate as acceptable, but our rate has jumped to nearly twenty per cent. The principal reason late return concerns us is that if the film you ordered is not returned, we can't send it to you on time.

Early in December we wrote to all the film coordinators to make them aware of the problem and to ask for their suggestions about how to correct it. We also told them that we were going to suggest to the Superintendent an increased late return fee and asked their responses to that action. We received letters and phone calls from about 60 of you and we deeply appreciate the time and effort invested in your responses. We do not know if, how much or when an increased charge would begin on late films. Many suggestions were excellent and we hope to work them into our system as soon as possible rather than rely on the "pocketbook" solution. Some of the suggestions were so comprehensive that we cannot initiate them now and still meet our shipping schedule for the remainder of the year. We will have more for you on this subject as it develops, but no matter what steps we take, it is up to you to get films back on time.

Let me offer a reminder too about films availability. Only one or two copies of most new films listed in the 1976 film catalogue supplement have been acquired. (By the way, copies of the new catalogue have been sent to principals in each school on a ratio of one for every five teachers and an additional copy has been sent directly to each film coordinator. If you have not yet seen a copy, see your film coordinator or principal.) We will be buying additional copies of many films, but new titles almost always generate an artificial demand, and only after several months of use can we accurately predict which titles should have additional depth.

In the meantime, we have been given the following films and they have now been readied for circulation and placed in the library for your use.

No. 8817 LIGHTS! CAMERA! LETTUCE! 1977
Western Iceberg Lettuce, Inc. 1977 7-12, Color 28 Min.
Presented from the standpoint of making a film about lettuce, it mixes scenes from the preparation and production of the film with scenes of growing, harvesting and handling lettuce. Also shown are home economists preparing salads, sandwiches and hot dishes and using lettuce as well as unusual and decorative ways of serving lettuce.
(Nutrition) (Home Economics) (Lettuce) (Film Studies)

No. 8818 SIEGE
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 12 Min.
Tells the story of the siege of Ft. Stanwix, N.Y. for a period of 22 days in August, 1777.
(U.S. History - Revolutionary Period) (War and Peace)

No. 8819 VICTORY AT YORKTOWN
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 26 Min.
The day-long ritual of surrender is depicted in this film with emphasis on the scenes of both triumph and agony.
(U.S. History - Revolutionary Period) (War and Peace)

No. 8820 TO KEEP OUR LIBERTY
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 26 Min.
Through the eyes of a single patriot, this film traces the history of invitations turned to provocations, arguments turned to confrontations which led to the first armed conflict at Concord and Lexington.
(U.S. History - Revolutionary Period) (War and Peace)

No. 8821 FEDERAL HALL, THE BEGINNING
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 16 Min.
Animated motion picture which brings perspective to the relationships of the founding fathers and their views on state versus federal rights.
(U.S. History - Revolutionary Period) (War and Peace)

No. 8822 CHECKMATE ON THE HUDSON
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 21 Min.
Depicts the two battles of Saratoga and the surrender of a British army to American forces there.
(U.S. History - Revolutionary Period) (War and Peace)

No. 8823 WILDERNESS - 1776
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 28 Min.
Focuses on the cultures of Americans west of the Appalacians in 1776. It shows settlements in Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, and Spanish Missions in California.
(U.S. History - Colonial Period) (Cultural Awareness)

No. 8824 A FORCE OF CITIZENS
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 10 Min.
The formation of the National Army and Navy of the United States at the time of the American Revolution is depicted in artwork in this film.
(U.S. History - Revolutionary Period)

No. 8825 ENCAMPMENT
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 8 Min.
This film shows a winter encampment during the Revoluntary War. It is the story of the hard winter at Jocky Hollow from the soldier's point of view.

No. 8826 MORRISTOWN — OFFICER'S LIFE
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 20 Min.
The Ford Mansion at Morristown was George Washington's headquarters during the long winter of 1778-79. The problems and the lives of the revoluntary army officers are shown in live action.
(U.S. History - Revolutionary Period) (War and Peace)

No. 8827 KINGS MOUNTAIN
U.S.D.I. 1977 5-10 Color 15 Min.
Spotlights the dramatic and often forgotten story of how the "over the mountain" men in frontier buckskins thwarted a British thrust through the western Carolinas.
(U.S. History - Revolutionary Period) (War and Peace)

No. 8828 EVER CHANGING, EVER FREE
U.S.I.D. 1977 5-10 Color 11 Min.
A fast paced film that draws a parallel between the desire of all living creatures for freedom within the constraints of nature, and the U.S. Bill of Rights which allows human freedom within a framework of order and constraint.
(Freedom) (U.S. Constitution)

No. 8829 WHEN THE CIRCUIT BREAKS
Concept/Fed. Energy Admin. 1977 7-12, College, Adult Color 25 Min.
Discusses the need for a national energy policy and the effects of energy shortages on all our lives. The effects of the 1973 Arab oil embargo on the American economy and culture and the continuing need for conservation while seeking new sources of traditional energy forms and research for new energy forms are shown.
(Economics) (Energy)

We also have recently purchased additional copies of the following films. If you were unable to schedule these earlier in the year, please try again.

No. 6361 Journals of Lewis and Clark
No. 6857 Hand Tools for Woodworking
No. 6873 Grizzly Bear
No. 6963 The Red Baloon
No. 7556 We Discover the Encyclopedia
No. 7684 Lakes — Aging and Pollution
No. 7898 Color, Color Everywhere

Please watch future editions of *Montana Schools* for more information about the audio-visual library as well as information about new films and additional copies of older films.

Regional Workshops Survey

Superintendent Georgia Rice invites your participation in making a decision about a service offered by the Office of Public Instruction.

Beginning August 1, 1972 this Office has sponsored Regional Workshops in different parts of the state. These workshops were meant to serve the interests and needs of classroom teachers, administrators, school board members, school clerks, school food service people and bus drivers.

We in the Office want to know if you think these Regional Workshops should be continued. If you are willing to spend 13 cents to share your views with us, please complete the survey form which follows and return it to us by March 5.

	YES	NO
1. I have attended a Regional Workshop.	☐	☐
2. By and large, the information I received was useful to me in my work.	☐	☐
3. The Office of Public Instruction should continue to provide Regional Workshops.	☐	☐

I am:

☐ a classroom teacher
☐ a school board member
☐ a school administrator
☐ a school clerk
☐ a bus driver
☐ a member of a school service staff

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Regional Workshops Survey
Office of Public Instruction
Capitol, Helena 59601

HB 179 - K - Burnett, Porter, Barrett

To amend the qualifications for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

HB 183 - A - Meloy, Lory, Estenson

To amend sections of R.C.M. 1947 relating to public employer's contribution to insurance for public employees.

HB 185 - A - Keyser, Seifert, South

To exempt candidates for the office of trustee of certain school districts from the provisions of the election laws relating to campaign treasurers.

HB 186 - A - Pistoria

To change the requirement for petitioners for a county bond election from 20% to 25%.

HB 199 - K - Metcalf, Holmes

To require school district trustees to grant the use of school buildings and facilities for nonschool activities.

HB 202 - PH - Scully, Ramirez

To raise the limitation on the amount of recovery from parents of children who willfully destroy property from $300 to $1,500.

HB 225 - A - Menahan

To revise qualifications for licensure of psychologists.

HB 229 - A - Gerke

To provide group insurance for all departments, bureaus, boards, commissions and agencies of the State of Montana and school districts.

HB 239 - A - Brand

To provide for denial of unemployment benefits to school employees whenever they have a contract or reasonable assurance of returning to work in the next academic year.

HB 242 - A - Palmer, Gould, et al

To provide for expanded day-care assistance.

HB 249 - A - South

To provide for closed meetings of public bodies when the demands of privacy...for discussion of collective bargaining proposals.

HB 274 - A - O'Connell, Teague, et al

To provide a procedure for effectively petitioning school boards with respect to any action within their power.

HB 283 - A - J. Gunderson, Dussault

To increase the percentage of moneys received under the Federal Mineral Lands Leasing Act which is paid into the revenue fund for state equalization aid to public schools.

HB 289 - A - Quilici, Menahan, et al

To change the composition of the Teachers' Retirement Board.

HB 305 - A - Kessler, Cooney, et al

To establish a state policy for adult basic education allowing a state fund for its support.

HB 315 - A - Dassinger, Teague, et al

To allow trustees of elementary and high school districts to provide for a religious instruction released time program.

HB 332 - A - Uhde, Bardanouve, et al

An act imposing a temporary roll-back on statutory mill levies in the laws of Montana until 1979.

HB 348 - A - Estenson

An act entering into the interstate agreement on qualification of educational personnel and for related purposes.

HB 349 - A - Estenson

To amend Section 75-6008, R.C.M. 1947, relating to the term of teacher certification.

HB 351 - A - Mular, Teague

To declare that persons may serve as assistant athletic coaches in private or parochial high schools without being regular faculty members.

HB 365 - A - South

An act relating to the school foundation program.

HB 378 - A - Porter, Ramirez

To increase the schedule of reimbursement for school buses.

HB 383 - A - Uhde

To exempt all teacher retirement benefits from income tax.

HB 391 - A - Kessler, J. Gunderson, et al

To provide for the election of school district trustees in first-class elementary school districts...by means of single-member subdistricts.

HB 400 - A - Harper, Teague, et al

To establish a state aid payment to school districts where state owned real property is located.

HB 404 - A - Shelden

To not require the registering of warrants of a school district as long as there are moneys available in any district fund.

HB 409 - A - Meloy

To provide that whenever a school district receives another district into its boundaries...becomes subject to the indebtedness of the original territory.

HB 410 - A - Dussault, Tropila, et al

To allow school districts to establish programs for serving gifted and talented children and providing for funding of these programs.

HB 416 - A - Lynch

To prohibit the sale or distribution of term papers.

HB 443 - A - Estenson, Meloy

To provide a statement and hearing before the Board of Trustees for termination of a public school teacher.

HB 448 - A - Barrett

To allow school districts to operate less than 180 days under certain emergency conditions.

HB 449 - A - Barrett, Dussault, et al

To require all state-operated educational facilities to be accredited by the Board of Public Education.

HB 463 - A - Holmes, Bengtson, et al

To revise the requirements and procedures for fulfilling the requirements for American Indian Studies instruction.

HB 467 - A - Kimble

To allow school districts to contract for Special Education services.

HB 485 - A - J. Gunderson, Bengtson, et al

An act regarding the use and administration of corporal punishment in public schools.

HB 489 - A - Eudaily, Waldron, Meyer

To allow school district voted tax levies to be effective for 2 years.

HJR 16 - A - Brand, Dussault, et al

Directing the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to coordinate and obtain interagency cooperation to meet the needs of handicapped and hard-to-place children.

HJR 30 - A - Bradley

To direct the Superintendent of Public Instruction to conduct an assessment of the educational needs of bilingual children in Montana.

HJR 32 - A - Kennerly, Conroy, Kimble

To preserve and perpetuate Indian culture and traditions in Montana.

SB 12 - A - Towe

The Montana Privacy Act.

SB 17 - A - Blaylock

Revising laws relating to education.

SB 21 - K - Watt

Requiring a county superintendent of schools to hold a master's degree in School Administration and an Administrative Certificate.

SB 27 - A - Blaylock

Revising laws relating to elections.

SB 33 - A - Blaylock

Revising the election laws relating to the criminal provisions for election and campaign practices.

SB 39 - A - Roskie, Turnage

Establishing a standard annual renewal fee for professional and occupational licensing; providing for the payment of all professional and occupational licensing revenue into one earmarked account.

SB 40 - PS - Towe, Turnage

Removing and clarifying statutory references to sovereign or governmental immunity.

SB 41 - A - Towe, Turnage

Providing for approval of attorney fees for claims against governmental entities.

SB 42 - PS - Towe, Turnage

Continuing certain immunities from suit.

SB 44 - A - Manning, Mathers, Towe, Aber

Bringing the coal tax distribution formula into compliance with the Montana Constitution; revising the percentages distributed to local governments and state programs.

SB 45 - PS - Graham

Deleting the requirement that school bus drivers be examined by a Montana physician before qualifying.

SB 53 - PS - Towe, Turnage

Authorizing self-insurance programs for state and local governmental entities.

SB 57 - K - Watt, Blaylock, Bergren

Allowing the consolidation of offices of county superintendents of schools.

SB 62 - A - Fasbender, Mathers

Transferring all of the powers, duties, and functions of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, except those prescribed by the 1972 Mont. Constitution, to the Board of Public Education; providing for an executive director of the Board of Public Education.

SB 68 - A - Blaylock, Regan, Thomas, et al

Relating to the certification of teachers; creating a board of professional standards and licensure.

SB 76 - A - Kolstad, Thiessen, Stephens, et al

Submitting a constitutional amendment to the electors to raise the legal age for consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages to 19.

Electorate

Governor

Board of Public Education

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Georgia Rice

PERSONAL SECRETARIES
Bonnie Crawford
Barbara Duffy 449-3654

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES – ROBERT STOCKTON, ADMINISTRATOR 449-3167
Review and audit all school district budgets and financial reports; approve transportation claims and applications; serve as the source of information about school finance; collect financial data and provide a statistician for constant update; serve as the flow-through unit for applications for Public Law 874.

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETING – BILL BYARS, MANAGER 449-2560
Provide financial records that will assist in decision making for staff operation, for resource application and for disclosure compliance according to state and federal requirements.

DIVISION OF DATA PROCESSING – DAVE WOOD, MANAGER 449-3448
Manage data gathering, processing and reporting systems as a service to local, state and federal education agencies. Provide yearly fall school statistics; help districts with estimation and accounting of budgets; process data for computerized class scheduling, funding assistance, vo-ed enrollment, film library and other projects in and out of the Office of Public Instruction.

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL AID AND TRANSPORTATION – (Vacant)
Statistical Consultant, Steve Colberg 449-3189
Federal Impact Aid Consultant, Pat Wickhorst 449-2841

DIVISION OF SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES – BRIS SKILES, MANAGER 449-2501
Assist schools in securing and maintaining all federal child nutrition programs under agreement between the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Public Instruction including national school lunch, school breakfast, special milk, non-food assistance, food distribution, and nutrition education.
School Foods Supervisor, Elaine Anderson 449-2501
Nutrition Education Consultant, Ann Ferguson 449-2501

DIVISION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – WILLIAM ERNST, MANAGER 449-2084
Purchase, transport and store surplus property for purchase by educational, public health, civil defense, and other eligible institutions.

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES – CORBIN HOWARD, MANAGER 449-2560
Interpret state and federal law for Office of Public Instruction staff and school district officials; draft and review contracts, regulations and legislation for the Office; represent the Office in litigation and act as office liaison to the labor negotiator; provide advice about student rights and due process.

DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL SERVICES – GORDON WARNER, DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT 449-3126
Administer state and federal programs that make vocational education available to Montana students in levels from grade nine through postsecondary.

DIVISION OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT – ROSS WAGNER, MANAGER 449-2087
Assist groups such as those developing the vo-ed state plan and the vo-ed program evaluation project with administrative services; coordinate activities within the department.

DIVISION OF FIELD SERVICES – BETTY LOU HOFFMAN, MANAGER, SECONDARY LEVEL 449-3126; BILL BRINKMAN, MANAGER, POST-SECONDARY LEVEL 449-3626
Provide supervision, coordination and technical assistance for vocational education programs.
Agriculture Consultant, Leonard Lombardi 449-3126
Business and Office Consultant, Dee Elston 449-2087
CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) Consultant, Tom Ryan 449-3626
Health Occupations Consultant, Barbara Crebo 449-2087
Home Economics Consultant, Flora Martin 449-3126
Special Needs Consultant, Jim Golden 449-2087

DIVISION OF SPECIAL VOCATIONAL SERVICES – (Vacant)
Information System and Placement Consultant, Larry Johnson 449-3126
Vocational Guidance and Counseling Consultant, Neal Christensen 449-2080

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES – ALVE THOMAS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT 449-2086
Direct, supervise and coordinate the general and special educational services of the Office including consulting, accreditation, certification, and teacher education, library/media and subject area programs.

BASIC SKILLS UNIT – JIM BURK, LYLE EGGUM, CO-DIRECTORS
JIM BURK—Accept primary responsibility for program development and assist in accreditation, certification and teacher education programs.
LYLE EGGUM—Coordinate service to schools through supervision of subject area and library/media consultants; accept primary responsibility for accreditation of schools while providing assistance in certification and teacher education.

DIVISION OF ACCREDITATION – LYLE EGGUM, 449-2418
Accreditation Consultant, Hal Hawley 449-2979

DIVISION OF CERTIFICATION AND TEACHER EDUCATION – JOHN VOORHIS, MANAGER 449-3150
Provide certification services for Montana teachers; survey teacher education programs as they relate to certification.

DIVISION OF CONSULTATIVE SERVICES – LYLE EGGUM, MANAGER 449-2418
Communications Consultant, Duane Jackson 449-3116
Communications Consultant, Rita Brownlee 449-2438
Communications Consultant, Linda Shadiow 449-2678
Fine Arts/Humanities Consultant, Bob Crebo 449-3116
Guidance and Counseling Consultant, Neal Christensen 449-2080
Project VIEW Assistant, Montez Briggs 449-2080
Health and Physical Education Consultant, Dave Oberly 449-2500
Traffic Education Consultant, Curt Hahn 449-2677
Mathematics/Science Consultant, Larry Thomas 449-2966
Social Science Consultant, Ed Eschler 449-2543
Career Education Consultant, Pat Feeley 449-3806

DIVISION OF LIBRARY-MEDIA – MONICA KITTOCK-SARGENT, MANAGER 449-3861
Provide library-media consultative services to schools; help conduct the statewide school Library Study; supervise the state film library operations and provide consultative services to ESEA Title IV.
Media Consultant, Bruce MacIntyre 449-3861
Audio/Visual Library Supervisor, Ed Weiss 449-3170

DIVISION OF PROGRAM COORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT – JIM BURK, 449-3137

DIVISION OF ADULT EDUCATION – BILL CUNNEEN, MANAGER 449-3082.
Judy Coddington, GED Testing.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT – CLARK FOWLER, DIRECTOR 449-2417
Administer special education programs to assure services to all handicapped children in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

DIVISION OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION – BILL HICKEY, MANAGER 449-2057
Develop an evaluation system for determining the effectiveness of special education programs in Montana; communicate with other governmental and private agencies to avoid duplication of services and insure appropriate services for all handicapped children.

DIVISION OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND INSERVICE TRAINING – JUDITH JOHNSON, MANAGER 449-2057
Develop and implement inservice training systems for special and regular teachers and work with institutions of higher education to improve inservice and preservice training for those who work with handicapped persons.

DIVISION OF BUDGETING AND DATA COLLECTION – LARRY HOLMQUIST, SUPERVISOR 449-2057
Provide consultative service in preparation of budget applications; develop a data collection system for program planning, monitoring and improvement.

DIVISION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS – (Vacant)

DIVISION OF REGIONAL SERVICES
MANAGER – REGION I – ROBERT LaGARDE, GLENDIVE 365-5446
MANAGER – REGION II – SANDRA SMITH GREAT FALLS 727-6303
MANAGER – REGION III – WILLIAM PELLANT, BILLINGS 657-2375
MANAGER – REGION IV – TIM HARRIS, HELENA 449-3682
MANAGER – REGION V – FRED APPELMAN, MISSOULA 243-2855

FEDERAL PROGRAMS UNIT – DEAN LINDAHL, DIRECTOR 449-2410
Provide service, leadership and coordination of effort in administration and operation of several federal programs including ESEA Title programs for Montana schools.

DIVISION OF ESEA TITLE I – JAY McCALLUM, MANAGER 449-2410
Provide consultative services and technical assistance to school districts concerning the operation of Title I programs.
Title I Consultant, Dan Ferriter 449-2410
Title I Consultant, Jerry Shanley 449-2410

DIVISION OF ESEA TITLE IV – BILL ELLIOTT, MANAGER 449-2059
Assist with and review applications from schools for ESEA Titles III and IV; maintain the programs according to the state plans for both laws.
Title IV Consultant, Laurelee Wright 449-2059

DIVISION OF INDIAN EDUCATION – BOB PARSLEY, MANAGER 449-3036
Provide supplementary educational services to eligible Indian children and increase the involvement of Indian people in education through the Johnson-O'Malley program, dissemination of Indian oriented materials, consulting services on request, Indian Studies Teacher Inservice Training and bicultural-bilingual curriculum counseling.
Indian Education Consultant, Bill Yellowtail 449-3036

DIVISION OF VETERANS EDUCATION – BILL HOWARD, MANAGER 449-2420
Determine eligibility of degree and non-degree programs for enrollment of veterans; provide service to and supervise those programs.

DIVISION OF PROGRAM ACCOUNTING – VIOLET KELLEY, MANAGER 449-2410
Maintain program accounting for assigned federal programs and provide fiscal services for school districts relating to federal programs.

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Board of Public Education

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Marilyn Miller 449-2785

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Greetings from Georgia Rice

January activities for the Superintendent of Public Instruction have resulted in an office-wide reorganization. I believe that with the new organization, accountability for programs and personnel is clearly defined and field access to the proper personnel or program is simplified. Field services by program titles will not change appreciably during this year.

A Special Education Task Force representative of parents, teachers, school board members, school administrators, higher education, legislators and Office of Public Instruction staff, met on January 4, 5 and 6 and was charged with increasing the efficiency of delivery of special education programs. The task force has planned reviews of the Special Education Rules and Regulations by regions and has planned a large meeting to review federal and state laws and rules and regulations to be held in Helena on March 7-9. If you have any suggestions regarding special education for the task force, please convey them to your special education regional advisory council president. The task force will coordinate its efforts with a state advisory committee whose selection and function are prescribed by federal law.

In certification, we recently sent a letter concurrently with the Board of Regents, Board of Public Education and the Commissioner of Higher Education to 23 major organizations and individuals all of whom are directly involved in teacher education. After gathering input from numerous sources, work will begin on the development of statewide standards for teacher certification in Montana.

The entire Office of Public Instruction staff has been involved this month in serving as a source of information for legislators. We have held several educational forums and brown bag sessions where legislators could obtain information regarding education. For your information, on pages 1, 3 and 7 is a listing of bills printed as of January 28 which affect education. Their status has been indicated as of January 31. In addition, we have listed the members of the Senate and House education committees. Should you require additional information on any of these bills, please use our toll-free hotline number for legislative information - 1-800-332-6100.

The Office of Public Instruction presented regional workshops in Billings and Missoula in January. We have enclosed an evaluation form for regional workshops in general in this issue on page 2. Please convey to us your suggestions so that the Office of Public Instruction may better serve your needs.

Also this month the 1976-77 Montana Education Directory *including a list of corrections was mailed. I would like to apologize for the lateness of this directory and the many errors contained therein. The Directory was prepared and sent to the printer before I took office on January 3. We are, in our endeavor to improve all services to Montanans, considering revamping the present directory style so that we may distribute the directory early in the fall. I would appreciate your comments regarding the materials included in the directory. Do you consider any of the information extraneous or is it all pertinent? What suggestions would you make for a more streamlined and usable* Montana Education Directory? *I am anxious to receive your suggestions as the directory exists as an informative tool to serve all of us.*

With this issue of Montana Schools *and in future issues, we will be adjusting the format to make the publication more useful. Our goal is to share educational information and to make this publication informative. We welcome your comments, suggestions and criticism. Please address your remarks to Marianne Hockema, Manager, Division of Public Information, OPI, Capitol, Helena, or use our toll-free hotline number - 1-800-332-3402. Our mailing date for* Montana Schools *will be within the first week of every month and the deadline for insertion of materials will be the 15th of each previous month.*

In summary, we would appreciate your suggestions on special education, teacher certification, the Montana Education Directory *and* Montana Schools.

Best wishes for a productive February and if you are ever in Helena, please stop in.

The Office of Public Instruction answered 1,710 hotline calls during the month of January. Please utilize our toll-free hotline number, 1-800-332-3402, whenever you wish to reach office personnel.

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A VISUAL HISTORY OF MONTANA, a series of slide units with narrative designed to supplement junior high and high school courses about Montana's past has three units available at no charge to any Montana history teacher or administrator. The units are "Lewis and Clark: The Course of Empire," "Fort Benton: Trailhead," and "Horns, Hoofs, Horses: The Cattle Industry and It's Cowboys." The availability of the units was announced in the fall and they were shown during the Superintendent's regional workshops in Glendive, Wolf Point, Lewistown, Havre, Great Falls, Kalispell, Missoula and Bozeman. More than 200 units have been sent to Montana schools and more are available. For more information or to request the units, write Edward Eschler, Social Science Consultant, Office of Public Instruction, Helena 59601.

The Charles Edison Fund is offering teachers a free set of EDISON EXPERIMENTS produced by the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation. Called a Teacher's Aid Kit, the series of booklets is intended for use by students in grades 4-10. The publications have about 30 pages each and each contains up to 20 experiments. Topics include energy conservation; environment; Edison inventions; Edison experiments; a biography; electrical, chemical, and nuclear experiments; and other selected experiments. Write David O. Schantz, Charles Edison Fund, 101 South Harrison Street, East Orange, N.J. 07018 and identify yourself as an educator to receive one free Teacher's Aid Kit.

ESEA Title III Project NOISEE (New Organization in Student Electronic Education) will be disseminating some of the results from its year-long development of a program in electronic music during a day-long workshop in Bozeman, March 5. The workshop provides a ten-hour "hands-on" session in electronic music supported by the project syllabus and an instructional tape. ESEA Title III provides a $15 stipend plus 12 cents per mile up to 200 miles. Please provide notice of intent to attend the workshop to Paul Nelson, Project Director, NOISEE, Bozeman Jr. High, 309 North 11th Ave., Bozeman 59715 at least one week before the workshop. The workshop will have a maximum enrollment of 20.

The Montana Association of School Librarians, Division of the Montana Library Association, (MLA), recognizes annually a school administrator for outstanding support and contributions to district school library program and an AWARD is presented at the MLA annual meeting in May. Librarians may submit recommendations for this award no later than April 1. Application forms and information concerning this award may be obtained from Susan Nissen, Laurel Public School Dist. 7, Laurel 59044.

School districts are eligible for a share of more than $3 million in 65 federal CONSUMERS' EDUCATION Grants. Funded under the Special Projects Act (P.L. 93-380), the grant will be made in FY77 for the support of new research, demonstration and pilot projects in consumers' education. Priority will be given to proposals that serve all age groups within the community and focus on providing consumers' education to persons who are not otherwise served by the regular instructional programs of elementary or secondary schools and to those that provide for active and continuous community involvement in the project. The deadline for applications is 4 p.m., March 10. Applications may be obtained from the Office of Consumers' Education. BOAE/OE, ROB-3, Room 5624, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. More information is available from Kathy Mollohan, Community Education Consultant, Office of Public Instruction, Capitol, Helena, 59601. You are encouraged to use the education hotline.

The Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics is sponsoring a contest in Montana schools called Make Montana Metric. The metric committee of the council is looking for creative ideas including posters and community awareness projects by individuals or an entire class which "help the Montana move to metrication." PRIZES will be awarded for winning posters and awareness projects completed by individuals in one category for grades 1-4 and another for 5-9. Additional awards will be made for worthwhile classroom projects. First and second prizes are hand calculators and third through tenth prizes are Celsius thermometers. Awards for class projects will be balance scales, mass sets and centimeter tapes. Entries must be received prior to March 25. Contest rules and entries are available from William Hall, 135 Reid Hall, Department of Elementary Education, Montana State University, Bozeman 59715.

The application deadline for a $100 award to a member of the Five Valleys Reading Council, Missoula, has been extended to Feb. 15. The purpose of the award is to help with the expense of further training in the teaching of READING. Applications should include name, address, present position, position expected next year, a statement of plans for improving skills as a reading teacher and a letter of recommendation from a person acquainted with the applicants professional experience. The recipient of the award will be notified by March 1 and the award will be made when the winner notifies the council of exact plans for further training. Applications should be mailed to Harry E. Ray, Jr., School of Education, University of Montana, Missoula 59801.

The Northwest Montana Reading Association will be meeting Feb. 26 at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell. Guest speaker will be Jerry Sullivan of Montana State University and the Association will sponsor activities in subjects such as problem READING at the intermediate and junior high levels; tutors and parent involvement; reading and learning disabilities; the retrieval system; the bright and gifted; reading games and others. More information is available from John Fero, Principal, Plummer School, Libby 59923.

The history department of Northern Montana College, Havre, has organized an AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR June 13-30, which can help participants earn graduate and undergraduate credit. The tour and accompanying lectures and readings provide an in-depth study of colonial, early national, civil war and modern urban periods of American history. More than 10 cities including Boston, Fort Ticonderoga, Saratoga, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. are on the tour. More information is available from Richard Vanderpool, Department of History, Northern Montana College, Havre, 59501.

Author and educator Barbara Bateman will make the keynote address to the Montana Council for EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN Convention, March 10-12 at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell. Verna Pikkula, publicity woman for the council, said the subjects of reading, gifted children, legal rights, due process and medical consultation for exceptional children are intended to highlight the theme of the convention which is "Hitch Your Wagon to a Special Star." Gail Haninan, Director of the Panhandle Child Development Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho will present a program on the pre-school gifted; Fay Hasley of the University of Oregon will work with reading and resource sectionals. A shuttle bus will operate to provide tours to Kalispell's special services sites. Social activities will include a raffle of original art donated by a local artist and a presentation of the off-broadway play *Joe Egg*. More information is available from Leanna Isaacson, President-Elect, Council for Exceptional Children, Peterson School, Kalispell and from Carol Smith, Box 937, Kalispell 59901.

PROJECT INFORMATION PACKAGES (PIPs) are guides to help schools install successful projects established as U.S. Office of Education demonstration projects. Each of the six PIPs tells the procedures for developing administrative support, instructional methods and materials, public relations and teachers manuals—everything you need to know about starting such a project. Unlike Title III/IV demonstration projects, they do not require the travel of staff to demonstrations sites.

PROJECT CATCH-UP is a reading and math remedial program for children in levels K-6 from low socio-economic areas. Teachers select children who will receive a daily session in two or three specific skills in an open atmosphere.

CONQUEST is a clinical reading project which takes children from grades 1-6 through a 17-step diagnostic process and provides individualized instruction for the year. Conquest also is intended for students from economically depressed areas.

HIGH INTENSITY TUTORING (HIT) is a highly-structured, peer tutoring program. Students from 7th and 8th grades tutor students at least two years behind in reading and math skills from 6th and 7th grades. Drill sheets and daily calculations of progress are essential features.

INTENSIVE READING INSTRUCTIONAL TEAMS (IRIT) treats 3rd and 4th grade students deficient in reading skills by bringing them to centers staffed by teams of three teachers. Each team works intensively and individually with 45 students for a 10-week cycle.

PROGRAMMED TUTORIAL READING (PIR) provides one-to-one tutoring to underachieving first grade students.

PROJECT R-3 is designed to reinforce academic skills in reading, math and social studies for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students by the use of gaming/simulation, diagnostic/prescriptive teaching; parental involvment and other innovative practices. The materials include more than 450 day-to-day activities.

Individuals interested in obtaining additional information about Project Information Packages for any of the exemplary projects should write or call Bill Elliott, Manager of ESEA Title IV, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena 59601, 449-2059.

High school students with an interest in flying have an opportunity to earn a prize worth $300 in FLYING time by entering an essay contest. According to Sam Griggs, of the Aeronautics Division of the Montana Department of Community Affairs, the theme of the contest is "I am a fixed base operator; how do I make my living?" He said, the essay should include information answering the following questions, "How is an airport funded? What services are not provided by a fixed base operator? What is a 99? What services does Montana provide for aviation? What part does flying play in Montana agriculture?" Students should have their essays read and initialed by a fixed base operator to show technical accuracy. Teachers are asked to select winners and forward entries for state competition to Sam Griggs, Supervisor, Aviation and Space Education, Aeronautics Division, Department of Community Affairs, P.O. Box 5178, Helena 59601, 449-2506. Final winners, one boy and one girl, will be selected by the Aeronautics Division and neither winner may also win the Aviation Class Award. The essay contest is sponsored by the Aeronautics Division; the 99's, a women's flying association; the Montana Aviation Trades Association; the Flying Farmers and the Montana Pilots Association.

Montana public school teachers with one year of classroom experience are eligible to apply for six $300 summer school SCHOLARSHIPS available from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Montana. Application forms and further information are available from the Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee, Box 4879, Helena 59601. The application filing date deadline for the 1977 summer school scholarships is April 10.

Holy Rosary School of Bozeman, grades 5 through 12, has closed with no intention of reopening. The school is offering to the HIGHEST BIDDER, all moveable equipment and supplies in the school. Materials used in the teaching of science, language, arts, physical education, home economics, business education and a complete library are available.

A partial listing of items include:

Business Education: typewriters, typewriter tables, teaching aids.

Home Economics: stoves, refrigerators, sewing machines, dishes, pots, pans.

Athletic Supplies: equipment, uniforms.

Science Laboratory: microscopes, chemicals, glassware.

Physical science laboratory equipment.

Library: card files, encyclopedias, books, tables, chairs, and files.

Classroom: teachers desks, chairs and files along with student desks, grades 5 - 12.

General Office desks, chairs, typewriters, spirit duplicators, Thermol copy machine and custodial supplies.

All bids must be received by April 1. Payment may be deferred until the new fiscal year.

For more information, call Father Byrne, phone 587-4581.

SB 77 - A - Kolstad, Thiessen, Stephens, et al

Raising the legal age for consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages to 19 and submitting the proposed act to the electors.

SB 80 - A - Select Comm. on State Employee Pay (Roberts, Chmn.)

Revising laws relating to collective bargaining and public employment relations.

SB 88 - A - Watt, Bergren, Stephens

Revising the method of budgeting for administrative costs of county superintendents of schools.

SB 90 - K - Mathers, Blaylock

Providing for passage of a school bond issue that receives a favorable majority of the votes cast.

SB 96 - A - Thiessen, Kolstad, Bergren, et al

Providing that employees of school districts under collective bargaining must serve notice upon the employer of their desire to negotiate a subsequent agreement.

SB 108 - A - Kolstad, Aber, et al

Allowing trustees of a school district to establish a bus depreciation reserve fund.

SB 109 - A - McCallum, Murphy, Blaylock, E. Smith

Providing that unemployment benefits shall not be paid between two academic years or terms if such individual has a contract with any public school for both years or terms.

SB 130 - A - Himsl, Fasbender, et al

Funding public educational institutions by a levy of not to exceed 6 mills on all taxable property.

SB 138 - A - Mathers, Fasbender

Authorizing the Board of Public Education to appoint an executive secretary and staff.

SB 144 - A - Watt, Warden, Dover

Authorizing county superintendents of schools to accept and disburse money in those districts which do not employ a district superintendent.

SB 163 - A - Himsl, Lockrem, et al

Concerning strikes by public employees and public employee organizations.

SB 164 - A - Regan, Warden, et al

Authorizing the governing body of a county to fix the salaries of certain county officers.

SB 188 - A - Thomas

Raising the reimbursement rate to parents transporting their children to school.

SB 201 - A - Mehrens, Lee, et al

Revising laws relating to child labor.

SB 233 - A - Lee, Dunkle, et al

Exempting teachers at state institutions from the state classification and pay plan.

SB 243 - A - Murphy, Bergren, et al

Deleting the provision that a non-tenure teacher whose contract has not been renewed may request a statement of the reasons for termination.

SB 256 - A - Fasbender, Roberts

Providing that newly elected school trustees take office on the first Saturday of July.

SB 260 - A - Dunkle

Providing a cost-of-living increase to the Public Employees' Retirement System.

SJR 15 - A - Towe, Thomas, et al

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